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New Island In Pacific

Honolulu, Nov. 2.—A new Pacific island was reported today—no new in fact that it has not been christened, or even claimed. An airline pilot said he saw the island rise in a volcanic eruption in the New Hebrides group, 3,600 miles southwest of Hawaii.

It is not unusual for islands in the Pacific to rise—and disappear—owing to volcanic eruption. Britain has had a nasty time keeping tabs on Falcón Island, 2,600 miles southwest of Hawaii. Since 1865, Falcón has appeared and disappeared four times. —Associated Press.

TOLL OF PHILIPPINE TYPHOON

Manila, Nov. 3.—Philippine Red Cross disaster units counted 26 dead, 40 injured and 20,000 homeless in the central Philippines today in the wake of the worst typhoon for this area in 12 years.

Reports are still coming in from outlying districts on the big blow, which arrived 12 hours ahead of time to catch Cebu and other heavily populated islands by surprise.

The damage may exceed 50,000,000 pesos.

Some 20 small inter-island boats and 10 large sailboats in Cebu Harbour were wrecked by 70-mile-per-hour winds, with gusts up to 100 miles an hour. Cebu, Negros and Panay islands took a three-hour hammering late Monday and early yesterday.

Accurate Red Cross reports placed the dead in Cebu City at 15, with 20 more injured. About 5,000 homeless are being temporarily cared for in public buildings and universities.

Towns along Cebu's eastern seaboard were taken unawares and were caught by the storm as it passed over the island and struck hard at the rich sugar-producing island of Negros. Ten more were killed on Negros, according to the latest reports, and 3,000 houses were either totally or partially destroyed. Another death was reported from Iloilo capital of Panay. —Associated Press.

BRITAIN SEEKS REVISION OF U.N. LIBYA PLAN

Lake Success, Nov. 2.—The spokesman for the British delegation today said the plan for an independent Libya, as drafted by the United Nations sub-committee here, would in effect set up "rival administrations" in the former Italian colony, and he served notice that Britain would seek a revision.

REDS REFUSE TO RELEASE U.S. CONSUL

Washington, Nov. 2.—The State Department said today that the Communists have rejected all demands for the release of Mr. Angus Ward, U.S. Consul at Mukden, arrested on charges of beating a Chinese employee of the Consulate.

The Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said the Vice-Consul, Mr. William Stokes, in a message to the State Department, said that he has been unable even to get permission to visit Mr. Ward and the four other Consulate employees gaoled with him.

Mr. Stokes reported that he had "received and filled" requests for food, heavy clothing and bedding from a Consulate clerk, Ralph Rehberg, and two European members of the Consulate staff. Mr. Stokes expressed anxiety for the health of the detained men due to the impending onset of the severe winter weather. —United Press.

TITO WARNS ALBANIA

Belgrade, Nov. 2.—In a note just short of an ultimatum, Yugoslavia tonight sternly "equipped" little Albania to live up to its treaty obligations with Marshal Tito's country.

The note demanded in the most abrupt terms that Albania "answer this note in the shortest possible time."

It listed a long series of complaints against Albania, including alleged border provocations, frontier shootings, persecution of Yugoslav citizens in Albania and espionage by Albanian agents in Yugoslavia. —Associated Press.

The Libyan proposal, together with recommendations on Eritrea and Somaliland, was completed by the sub-committee yesterday and may be debated in the full Political Committee later this week. The sub-committee recommended a six-nation advisory council to assist in carrying out the independence plan.

The British spokesman said Britain felt this provision, as now drafted, might complicate the problem of administration, for which Britain is responsible until a local government is established.

"Wrangling and intrigue might result, which would postpone achievement of independence," he said.

He emphasised that Britain approved the proposal in principle and considered the question of the powers to be given the advisory council merely a detail, although a somewhat important one.

He said Britain also questioned the provisions of the resolution which call for a "unified" independent Libya. He contended that this might not be in accordance with the wishes of the people. He urged that residents of the three major areas of Libya—Tripoli, Fezzan and Cyrenaica—be given an opportunity to say whether they desire to unite, federalise or perhaps set up separate states.

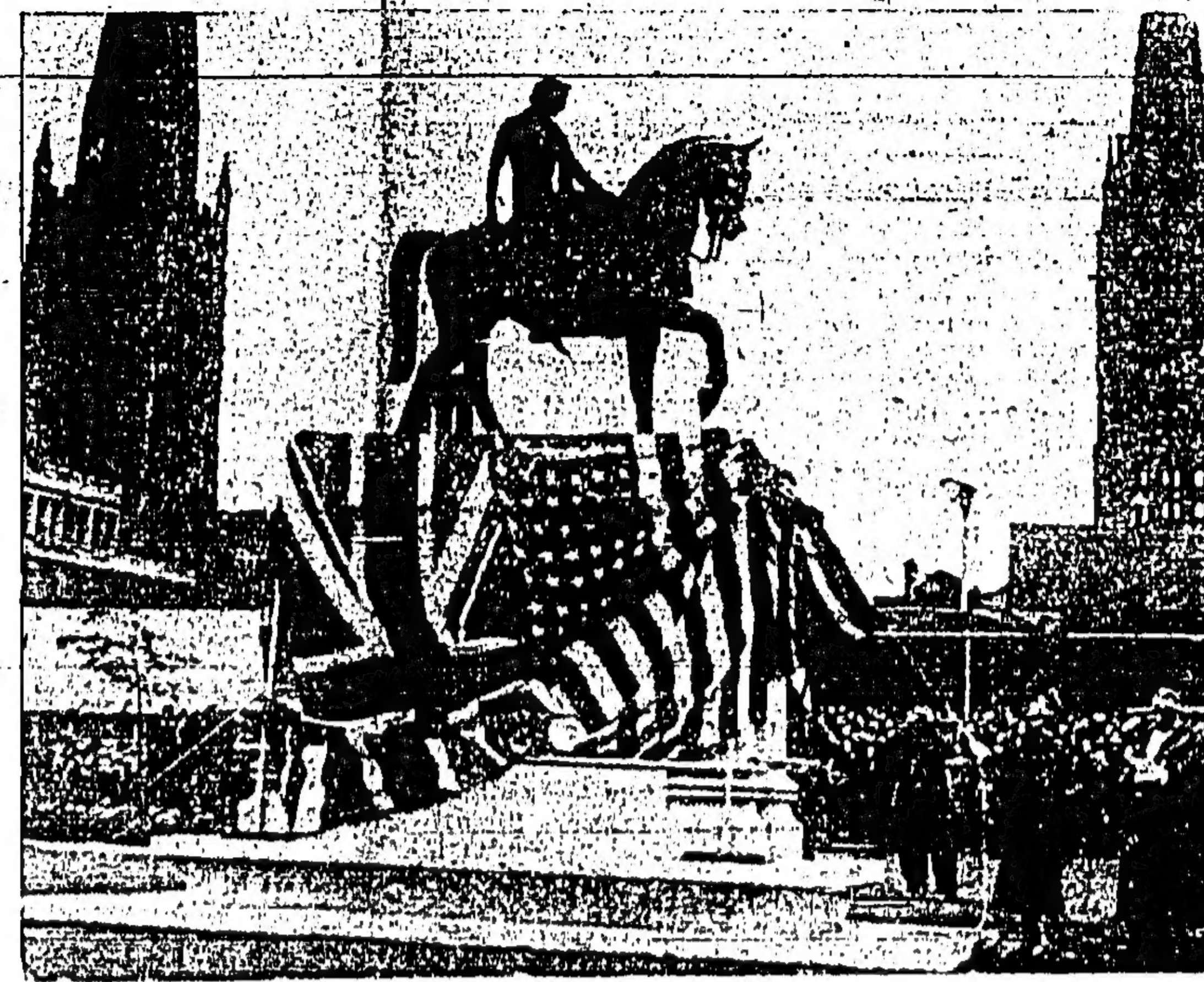
"The plan at present dictates unity in the three areas," he added. "We feel the principle of unity should not be imposed arbitrarily." —United Press.

Search For Air Crash Victims

Washington, Nov. 2.—The bodies of 46 of the 55 people killed in yesterday's disaster to an Eastern Airline's Skymaster were recovered today.

The search is continuing for bodies of the other nine passengers. The Civil Aeronautics Board said that investigations into the cause of the crash would start in a few days. —Reuter.

Lady Godiva Statue Unveiled



The statue of Lady Godiva, by Sir William Reid, Dick, RA, was unveiled in Broadgate, Coventry, recently by Mrs Douglas, wife of the American Ambassador to Great Britain.

National Service Remains Keystone Of Defence Policy

London, Nov. 2.—The Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, told the House of Commons today that recent speculation in the press as to major changes in the present scheme of conscription is not well founded. He had been asked if he could announce details of the economics proposed in the National Service scheme.

Ball Pen King Due Tomorrow

Chicago ball-pen millionaire Milton Reynolds, who is trying to break the record round-the-world flight by regular commercial airlines, is due at Kai Tak tomorrow afternoon in the first Constellation scheduled to land there.

Although Reynolds is in the first scheduled Constellation, a non-scheduled PAA Constellation with Sir Robert Ho Tung aboard is due at Kai Tak at lunch-time today.

This will be the first Constellation to ever touch down at Kai Tak, and tomorrow it will leave again with passengers on the first outward trip.

An Associated Press message says Reynolds yesterday almost blotted out the record attempt when it forced the PAA airliner carrying him from New York to land at Shannon Airport, Ireland, instead of London.

NEXT STOP MANILA

Reynolds originally intended to land at Los Angeles just four days and 23 hours after leaving there on Monday night, but his chances of setting a new record now depend on making a plane connection at Hongkong.

A PAA Hongkong official said Reynolds need not be disappointed as he should break the present record of six days, three hours and fifteen minutes set last December by Col. Edward Egan, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

The plane carrying Reynolds is due between 3 and 4 p.m. tomorrow, he said. Reynolds will then transfer to a DC-4 leaving at 4.30 p.m. for Manila, and from there catch a Boeing Stratocruiser to America.

Inniskillings Off To West Indies

Liverpool, Nov. 2.—The First Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, marched aboard the troopship, Empress of Australia, at Liverpool today, bound for the West Indies.

The Battalion returned from Singapore only six weeks ago. —Reuter.

Newlywed Couple Slain On Ranch

Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 2.—A newlywed couple, the bride's sister and a ranch hand were slaughtered by shotgun blasts at Santa Rosa while a five-year-old girl ran screaming down a lonely ranch road for help.

Henry Pio, 37, a ranch hand, was arrested and held in jail Wednesday after the four killings.

Police gave this story of the slayings.

Clyde Howard, 23, and his wife of one week, Louise, 27, drove to Pio's cottage with Mrs. Howard's sister, Marie Silva, and Mr. Silva's daughter, Esther.

They left Esther in the car and went up the steps to collect a trunk Mrs. Howard had left there before her marriage.

There was an argument, followed by more than a dozen shots which riddled the three adults, knocking the bodies from the porch.

Esther ran screaming to a neighbour. Later, Pio appeared at the cabin of another ranch hand, Tony Abaya, three miles away. There were more shots, and Abaya fell dying.

No charges were filed immediately against Pio. —Associated Press.

Speculation on changes in Britain's defence system and conscription methods has ranged over a wide field, and sections of left wing Labour have been pressing the Government to abandon the principle of conscription and to rely upon a regular army, possibly enlarged by more attractive terms of enlistment.

BALLOT SYSTEM

Other political quarters have urged that compulsory service should operate on a ballot system which might result in deferred call-up for 200,000 of the 300,000 total of men annually available.

This plan would be coupled with an extension of the present 18 months' period of service to two years or more.

Certain other quarters have advanced the idea that there should be an extension of the system of reserved occupations whereby men urgently needed for Britain's industrial recovery would have their military service deferred. —Reuter.

DEFENCE COSTS

London, Nov. 2.—The British Government announced today that it has decided to put an upper limit of £700,000,000 on defence expenditure during the current financial year ending next March.

Lord Addison, Lord Privy Seal, made the announcement in the House of Lords today when opening a two-day debate on the economy cuts announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, last month.

These economies include a £30,000,000 cut in defence in a full year and about £12,500,000 in the present financial year.

Lord Addison said that expenditure on defence had been forecast for the year at £700,000,000, but considerable supplementary estimates had been put in amounting to £30,000,000, and even the figure of £700,000,000 was not likely to be reached by the end of the year.

However, after the most searching examination, the Government had decided that the figure of £700,000,000 must not be exceeded. —Reuter.

Gave Date Of Election

London, Nov. 2.—Lord Calverly, a Labour Peer, today started the House of Lords by saying that Britain's general election, due sometime next year, would be held on July 6.

"I venture to say that when the election comes on July 6, the Conservatives will still be in Opposition," he declared during a two-day debate on the economic situation.

For a few minutes there was something of a sensation, members of the House wondering whether Lord Calverly had let out the Government's biggest secret.

But when asked by a reporter on leaving the Chamber whether he was merely guessing, Lord Calverly said: "I have been right in forecasting the date of every general election except 1931. I know as much as you do." —Reuter.

China Reds Try To Lay Hands On Bank Funds

New York, Nov. 2.—Banking circles reported today that efforts by the Chinese Communists to draw on bank accounts here in the name of the Bank of China have so far run into a blank wall. They said that cabled demands for the recognition of the legitimacy of the Communist claims to an estimated \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 in the banks here have been ignored by the banks.

Banking circles continue to honour the signature of bank officials who held posts in the Bank of China before the Communist seizure of Shanghai.

These circles said the banks are taking refuge under the New York statute which says that new signatures on claims against funds of banks in occupied territory need not be honoured. Whether this will affect Chinese funds in other banks across the country is not known since they are guided by individual state laws.

The statute provides, however, that new claimants may draw money by posting a bond equal to the withdrawals, protecting the bank against possible loss.

The bankers here said so far the Communist authorities have not offered to put up bonds or other securities as a basis for their claims. —United Press.

NO DECISION

London, Nov. 2.—The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, indicated today that Britain had not yet reached a decision on the recognition of the Chinese Communist government.

Asked if he would make a statement on the question of British recognition of the Chinese Communist government, Mr. Mayhew said he had nothing further to add to the statement which the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, made on the subject on October 10.

At that time, Mr. Bevin told the House of Commons that the British Government had "reached no decision" and proposed to "consult with other friendly governments before doing so." —United Press.

Exchange Claim Decision

Written judgment against plaintiff, A. V. White, in the Shanghai foreign exchange deals claim involving over \$1,400,000, was delivered in the Supreme Court this morning by the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams.

The judgment occupied 54 pages and took one hour and 35 minutes to read.

The question of costs is still being argued in court.

The hearing of the case spread over 14 days.

White, of 3 College Road, Kowloon, was represented by the Hon. Leo A. Alimada, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Defendant, F. C. Roberts, of 90 Robinson Road, Hongkong, was represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr. A. J. Clifford, on the instructions of the Hon. Sir Maun-tam Lo.

SHANGHAI MERCHANTS

Both plaintiff and defendant are former Shanghai merchants.

The claim was in respect of payments alleged to have been made in Shanghai in 1947 and 1948 in Chinese National Currency, in consideration of which equivalent sums were to be paid outside China in foreign currencies.

In his statement of defence, Roberts denied the claim and further denied any money had been received by him as alleged.

Expert witnesses on Chinese law gave evidence during the protracted hearing both for the plaintiff and defendant.

TASS AGENCY CURB SOUGHT

London, Nov. 2.—Lord Vansittart today demanded that the activities of the official Soviet news agency, Tass, be curbed.

A British Court of Appeals ruled last June 27 that Tass has diplomatic immunity and cannot be sued for libel.

Lord Vansittart, a former diplomat, described Tass as "a scurrilous news agency" and said he will ask the Government to "take appropriate measures" against it. —Associated Press.

REDS CLOSE TO MACAO

A Reuter message from Macao received shortly after noon today said that sunfire "was" distinctly audible there this morning as Chinese Communist troops drove to within three miles of the border.

All Macao forces, alerted since noon yesterday, are remaining in barracks in preparation for any eventuality.

At the frontier gate, which remains open, all is quiet, but incoming peasants and refugees are being thoroughly searched.

A high-ranking officer of the Portuguese African Forces who are patrolling the border said: "The situation is under control. I don't expect trouble." —Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

World Food Problems

DURING the last hundred years, and especially since the turn of the present century, there has been an unparalleled increase in the population of the world. Lord Boyd Orr, former Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, who has just won the 1949 Nobel Peace Prize, estimates that there will be over three billion people in the world by 1989 if the increase continues at the present rate of 22,000,000 a year. Before retiring from the FAO, he gave this pessimistic warning: "The whole human race is rumbling to destruction. There is only a fifty-fifty chance of getting over the food problem. If it is not solved, there will be chaos in the world in the next 50 years." The prophet of disaster certainly painted in dark colours. But a picture can be no less true for being gloomy. What, then, are the facts about the world food situation? Is there a danger of the peoples of this earth outrunning their means of subsistence? And if so, can the danger be overcome? Lord Boyd Orr thinks it can be averted, if world production of food is doubled and if all the governments of the world co-operate. The problems to be solved are many. When in the 19th century vast tracts of land were opened up, and vast acres of virgin soil brought under cultivation, no one took any thought of the morrow. Their heads filled with dreams of illimitable progress, the people then believed that the process of cultivating and opening up new lands and new soil could be continued indefinitely, and regardless of the fertility of the soil. They forgot—or ignored the fact—that soil gradually wears out, or erodes. One

of the greatest agricultural problems facing the world today is this soil erosion. This is a problem that must be squarely faced when considering world food production. Another obstacle in the way of feeding the world is the difficulty—mainly due to shipping—of carrying millions of tons of food from surplus to needy areas. Maldistribution largely accounts for the present shortage. On the whole, it is not so much that there is an inadequacy of food in the world as that the means and policy of distributing it are inadequate. Proper distribution can only be accomplished if all governments co-operate, as Lord Boyd Orr insists is necessary. But wholehearted world co-operation is nearly as difficult to achieve in this sphere as it is in the political. Yet only a world food plan, properly executed, can put an end to the spectre of hunger. This overall plan must secure, principally, increased yields—and it is estimated that, theoretically, enough food can be produced in the world to feed six, not three, billion people—stop waste; provide for the opening up of new areas of production and the careful conservation of the soil; and encourage scientific research into processes of dieting and of synthetic food production. The FAO has been a good step forward in the right direction. The situation may not be as bleak as some believe, and there is no need yet to consider reducing world population by some drastic method. Populations may still increase—and have a chance of survival. On the other hand, however, there is little cause for optimism in a world divided as it is today.



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WOMANSENSE

SHOPS SHOW 1947 DRESSES

AS 'NEW' Return of the short skirt brings them out again

SOME "new" dresses which women will soon be buying in the shops will be more than two years old. Manufacturers and retailers had them left on their hands when the "New Look" long skirts came to sudden popularity.

Now, they will be put on sale again as skirts are once more to be 14 to 16 inches from the ground—just below the knee. One retailer who has a number of these two-year-old dresses in his stocks said today:

"When the long skirt came swept the country we were unable to sell these dresses, even at greatly reduced prices.

At Old Price
"We shall have no difficulty in selling them at their original price of between £3 and £6. For our type of customers the length was the only basic difference in the style. Only those who insist on the latest fashion will find anything else greatly changed in these dresses.

They all have full skirts, narrow waists, necklines vary. "They are the type of dress most women prefer. Nothing is exaggerated and the line follows the natural line of the figure." Another store reported that dresses put by as unsaleable are being brought out and customers are buying them, not knowing they were designed two years ago.

For Evening Out
In the same way that women according to these stores really prefer short day dresses, so do they prefer full-length evening dresses.

Commenting that the Duchess of Kent recently appeared in a ballet-length evening dress, one manager said:

"Those who go in for high fashion may follow the shorter evening dress phase.

"The ordinary women, however, prefer full-length evening dresses. They feel they are really in evening dress if their dress reaches the ground.

"For every one ballet-length dress sold by us we sell 10 full-length ones."

(London Express Service)

Adopting The Italian Look

DETROIT.—Marking the first time any American store has offered an Italian import collection and also representing a new approach to the merchandising of imported fashions, a Detroit Company presents a showing from the Milan, Italy couture. These fashions have been brought to this country not for purposes of reproduction or adaptation, but to sell as originals at prices competitive with top-flight designers here, specifically between \$300 and \$400.

The company worked with the four Italian dressmakers represented—Ventura, Biki, Nobelsko and Vanna—in having the fashions keyed to the way the American woman of discernment wants to look, and in having them made in accordance with the store's measurements.

As a selling proposition, the collection of 49 pieces represents not 49 separate models, but stocking of individual styles in as many as four different colors or three separate sizes. Thinking toward the future, the store, says a spokesman, for the store, is to give the customer who can spend

"that kind of money" fashions she can find nowhere else in this country.

Proof that this thinking is valid is seen in the fact that although the first public promotion breaks via newspaper advertising and window displays, several models have already been sold following a private fashion tea.

Bloused Top, Narrow Skirt

How the fashion silhouette of narrowing and shortening skirts and a bloused and easy look above the waistline is sustained, whether designer source be American, French, British, or, as in this case, Italian, is major impression of the Milan couture collection.

These fashions are, first of all, eminently wearable. They are nicely balanced between types pointed toward sophisticated young customers, as done by Biki, granddaughter of the composer Puccini, who is a favorite designer of the younger society of Rome, and a somewhat more mature clientele such as Ventura serves.

Meticulously Tailored

Suits are basically the meticulously tailored, quietly stated kind, the well-dressed American woman knows and loves. Their individuality stems from fabrics which include a wide selection of fine soft woods in distinguished colorings and patterns, soft-finish men's wear worsteds and fine gabardine. Individuality is inherent, too, in the unobtrusive details concerning pockets, necklines, or the way Biki handles a back skirt panel so silts do not expose the walking line. It concerns the "extra touch" in the form of the pure silk faille, satin or jersey gilets which give rich texture and colour complement to every suit.

Costumes, whether of the dress and jacket genre or skirt, blouse and coat type make much of above waistline width as foil for narrow skirts. Ventura does it more maturely in wool and faille combination, with jutting tunic, and the bloused and bulky outline achieved through deep dolman cut.

Longer Tunic Lines

Considerable approval of longer tunic lines is reflected in dressy costumes. Nobelsko re-creates for matrons the long-jacket, broadcloth tulle, bound in braid and completed by chaiseuse with blouse veiled in Chantilly lace.

Although major percentage of the collection focuses on suits and costumes, the separate dress in afternoon and demi-soir interpretations is well represented. Always the fabric is pure silk, whether crepe, faille or texture combinations such as crepe with silk jersey. Dresses, as suits and costumes, prefer narrow skirts softened by deep folds, wrapped techniques or almost imperceptible drapes. Necklines widen into actual or suggested off-shoulder look, but, interestingly, are rarely fringed. Sleeves, on the whole, are simple, favoring three-quarter length for wear with gloves.

Alaska Seal



By VERSA WINSTON

HANDSOME, glossy, durable Alaska sealskin is getting younger and more elegant all the time to keep step with its ever-increasing popularity. Definitely out of grandma's domain, seals here is a coat styled along trim, youthful lines. A narrow rolled collar and sloping shoulder and full sleeves caught by buttoned-down bands at the wrists are some of the new style accents which also include a moderately flared hem with rounded corners and all pockets.



The dress with which—in 1947—designer Christian Dior launched the New Look.



The 15in.-from-the-ground skirt that the New Look put back on the shelves is now style No. 1. (London Express Service.)

You Seldom Find "Girl" In Film Titles

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. FILM producers are missing a bet, Janis Carter announced. Everybody wants to see girls in movies, but the producers never plug good pictures with the word "girl" in the titles.

"Boy meets girl is the basis of most film plots," Miss Carter said. "Why don't they use the word 'girl' as a strong selling point?"

"The way it is now, the word 'girl' in a title indicates 99 times out of 100 that the picture is just a quickie to fill the second half of the double bill.

"They never use the word in the titles of hit pictures. Why? out of the 100 top grossing pictures in Hollywood history, only two of them had the fatal word in the title: 'Harvey Girls' and 'Three Smart Girls'."

The movies that do use the word are the kind that most actresses play in when they're trying to get started. Miss Carter herself played in some of these pot boilers with names like "Cadet Girl," "Girl in Trouble" and "The Girl in the Case."

Envelope Style

This season's envelope with "special added attractions" is well done in a double compartment bag of broadcloth. This bag is really two envelope bags used back to back and held by a broadcloth and gold metal chain top handle. The two compartments are lined with contrasting satin.

Buttons, covered in broadcloth about the size of hard candy balls, are used to trim a series of bags. One, a large, square envelope with a painter handle, has a border of buttons. Another has an over-skirt edged with buttons. Jeweled frames are used in dressier broadcloth bags, all hand-shirred. The frames are well executed and set with large crystal, emerald or rhinestones.

Jewel toned satin bags are featured in many shades of jeweled frames or clasps. For cocktail wear there is a little velvet bag with a braided handle trimmed with tiny gold metal nailheads.

Stand-in For Anna Neagle



Mrs. Eileen Harvey, of Highbury, acting as stand-in for film star, Anna Neagle, was guest in white tulle at the October Ball—most women were bare-topped.

Buy Clothes That Flatter You



A good choice for an informal autumn costume is this jerkin and blouse set worn by Mavis Star Lorraine Day. She wears them with a plain tweed skirt.

By HELEN FOLLETT

GOOD looks are not always what you were born with, but what you have created by using your head. We see evidence of that all the time. Dainty women turned into ladies of fashion! This prestidigitant act usually comes through the magic of some clever dressmaker who knows that the cut of a frock is practically the whole main business.

A clever dressmaker can disguise large hips and hide an overdeveloped bust by means of the soft folds on the bodice. It is being done all the time. Neither the skinny or the heavyweight should wear clothes that fit like the paper on the wall, too revealing and the wearer never really looks comfortable.

Some men have a way of saying that women pay too much attention to dress. Truth is, many women don't give the subject enough thought and, for these women, the superior male sex has no admiring glances. Study your figure. Know your type. Are you a fluffy girl? Then you are entitled to

ruffles and ringlets. Do you look best in tailored clothes? Wear them and have your party duds plain, too. Your hairdo should not be bouffant, but short and trim with a few wide undulations. There must be harmony of line in the composition that is you.

The colours you wear will have a decided influence upon your complexion and your figure. If you are a redhead avoid brown, which seems to be the favourite of the girl with the flaming tresses. Black is better and green runs a good second. Blondes should avoid pinkish tones, selecting other delicate tints for dress up, dark colours for ordinary wear.

Brunettes can get away with almost all colours. A cerise hat, above brown eyes and brown hair is simply topsy. All blues, except especially what is known as French blue, that smoky grey shade. Fey brunettes and black flatter.

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Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Repertoire of Good Sauces

WHEN I stepped into the test kitchen to discuss the menu with the Chef, I found him sitting at the kitchen table, a large square of white shelf paper before him; stubby pencil in his hand, drawing a diagram.

"What's that?" I inquired. "I am trying to make a diagram showing the different kinds of sauces, Madame, and the way they should be used. But there are so many types and variations, I cannot get them all on the paper. The French cookery, I think it is deplorable that American home-makers do not understand more about them. White sauce, tomato sauce, brown gravy is almost all they seem to serve."

"Go right on, Chef, I'm listening."

Dry Or Uninteresting

"In cases where the food may be a little dry or uninteresting a sauce may be used to 'pep' it up to give appetite appeal; but the sauce should never be used as a cover-up for careless cooking."

"The five major hot sauces I have listed here, Madame, are white sauce, brown sauce, tomato sauce, the butter sauces and the sauces thickened with eggs."

Good White Sauce

"Let's start with the hot sauces, Chef. White sauce is often pasty and full of lumps, so we'll make that first." "I find the greatest fault in making the white sauce, Madame, is in not cooking enough the flour used for thickening. Half cooked flour always has a raw taste. So I suggest our readers should make a test, that is, cook the flour first with the 'butter' or margarine. Enough can be prepared at once and kept in a jar in the refrigerator to make 8 cups of a cream gravy is desired. Add the chicken to the gravy. Reheat and serve on your squablets arranged on your roast turkey platter. Sprinkle with minced parsley."

White Sauce for Thin White Sauce: Melt 1/2 cup butter or margarine in a small heavy

Tomorrow's Dinner

Chilled Grape Fruit Sections
White Chicken Fricassee on Square Biscuits
Mashed Potato
Broccoli with Brown Nut Butter
Bartlett Pear Flout
Coffee or Tea, Milk (Children)

White Chicken Fricassee on Square Biscuits

Order a plump hen, about 4 lbs. Clean, tweeze out the pin feathers, scrub with mild soapy water and rinse. Rub lightly inside and out with 1 tsp. powdered ginger. Clean and peel the feet and gizzard. Into a 3-qt. kettle put 1 c. cut-up celery leaves, 1 peeled sliced onion and 1 bayleaf. Add 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Put in the chicken feet, the gizzard and heart. Add the chicken. Cover with boiling water; put on a lid and simmer until tender, about 2 to 3 hrs. Or use only 3 c. water and pressure-cook 35 min. at 15 lbs. When done, drain from the broth. Remove the skin; cut the meat from the bones in good-sized pieces. Chop the giblets, including the uncooked liver. Strain off the broth. There should be 1 qt. Skim off the fat and add the giblets and liver and thicken the sauce with 1/2 c. cold water, or use top milk or undiluted evaporated milk. If a cream gravy is desired, add the chicken to the gravy. Reheat and serve on your squablets arranged on your roast turkey platter. Sprinkle with minced parsley.

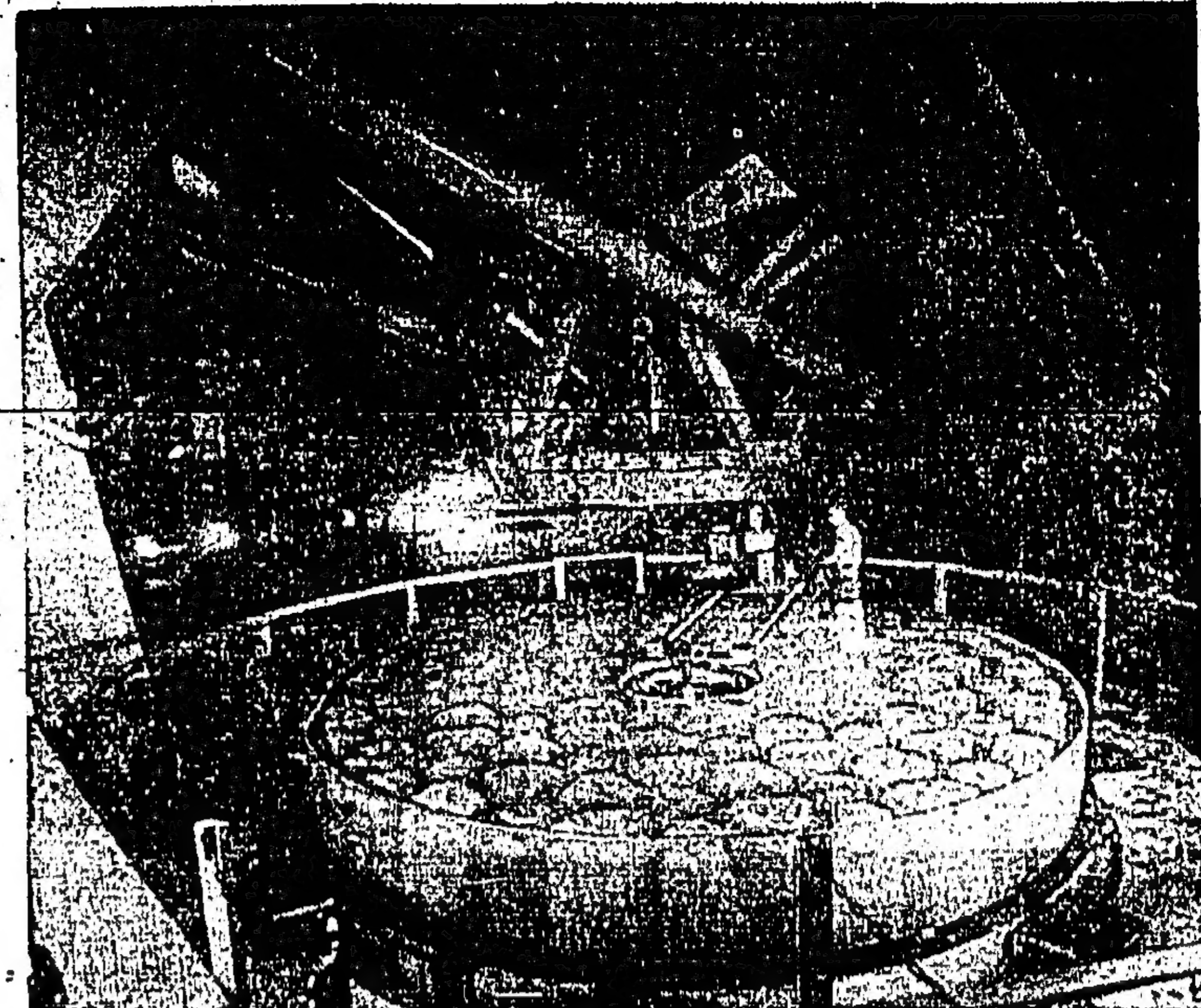
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CHURCHILL HONOURS U.S. ENVOY—Winston Churchill (left) confers an honorary degree upon U.S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas at the University of Bristol, England.



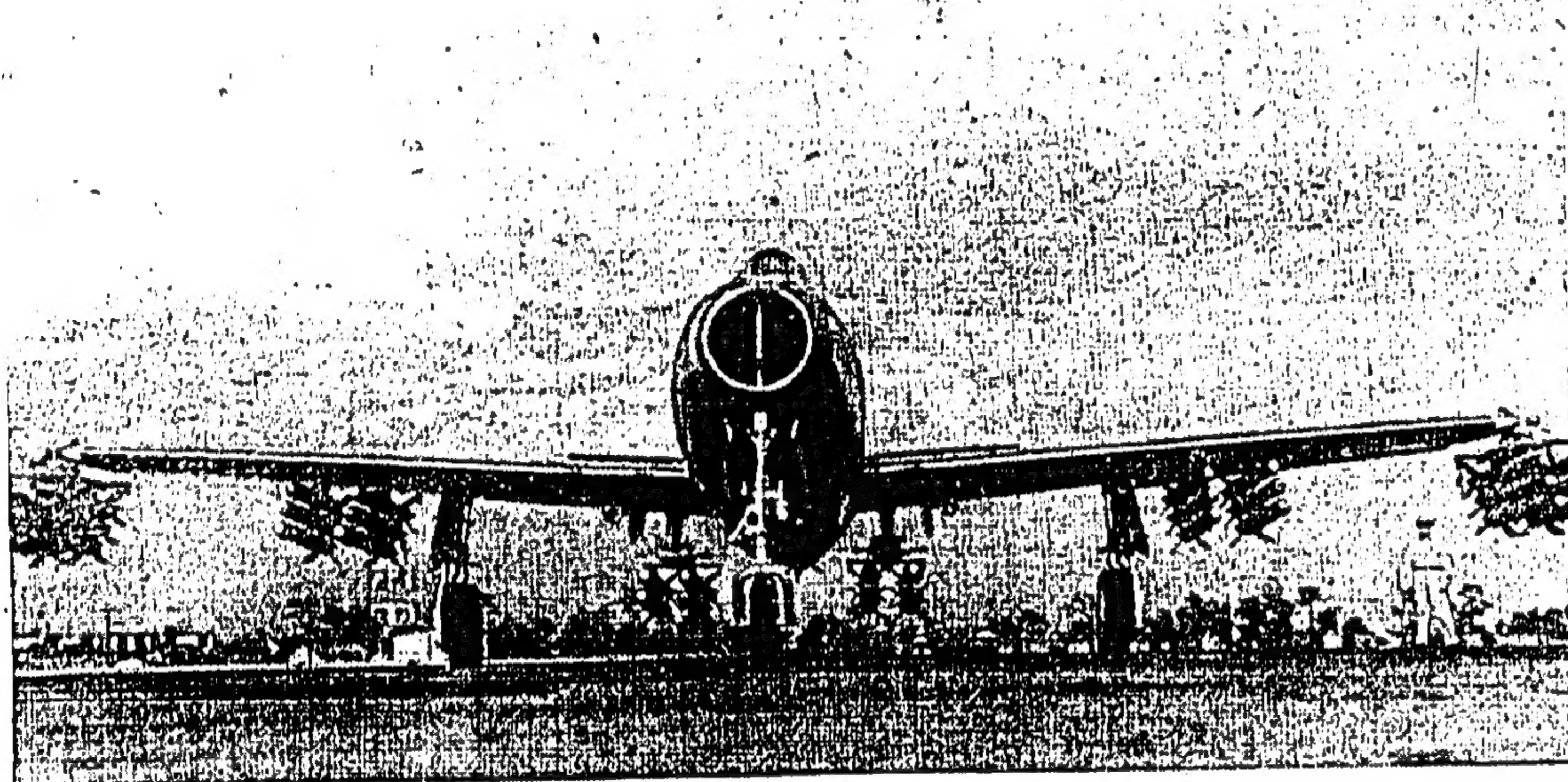
CHRISTMAS TRIMMING—Uncle Holly, character introduced by British to brighten this year's holiday season, presents gift to Roberta Flood in London store. Despite austerity, British have assured kiddies that Uncle Holly, here played by actor Jimmy Charters, will not replace Santa Claus. He'll serve as a sort of negotiator to handle difficult requests.



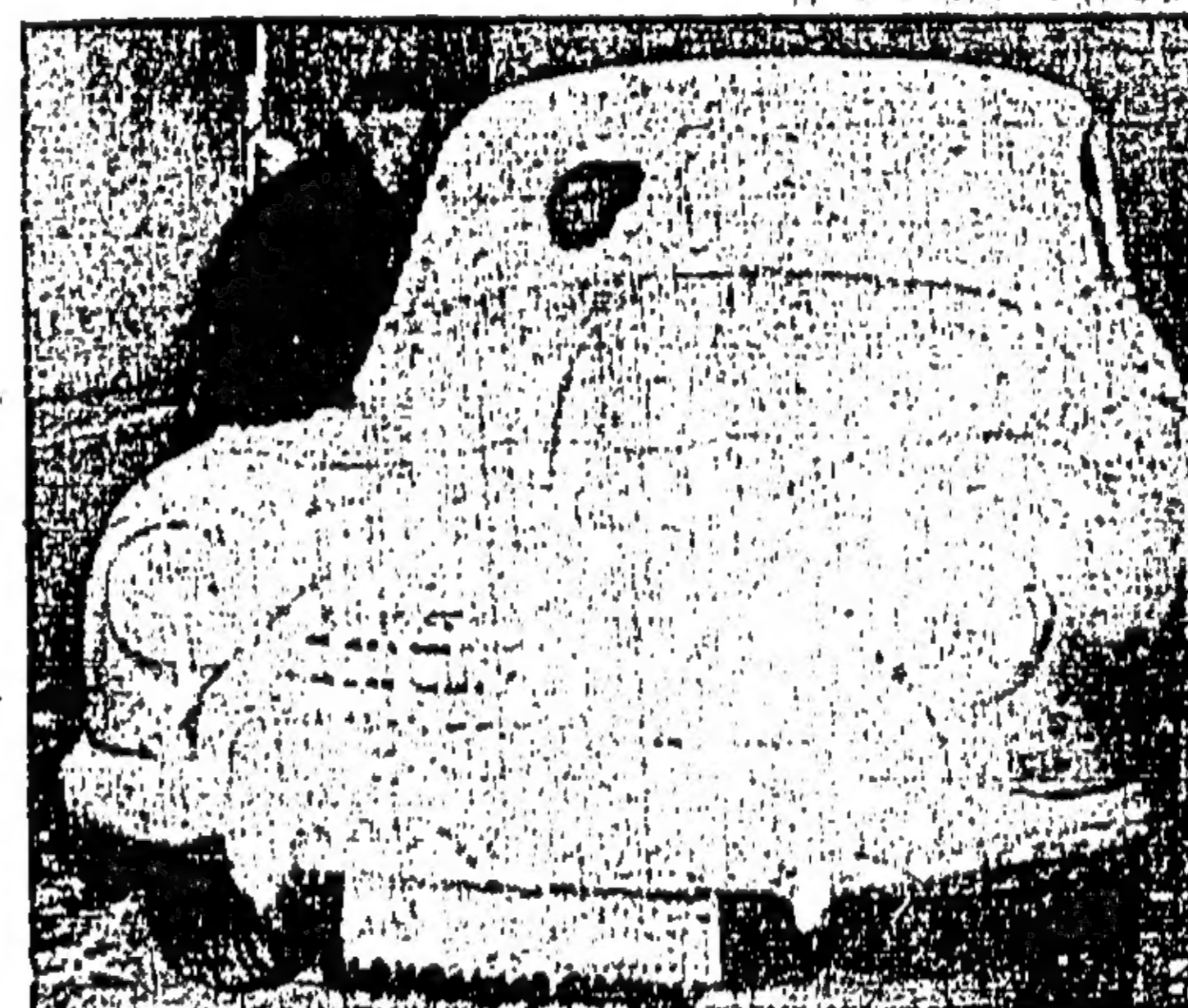
POLISHING JOB—Don Hendrix, Mt. Wilson Observatory optician, operates a special machine to remove 20 millionths of an inch from part of the surface of the 200-inch mirror for the Hale telescope on California's Palomar Mountain.



HONOURED—Peter Ivanovich Parshin, minister of machinery and instrument industry, was awarded Russia's highest decoration—The Order of Lenin. Speculation outside USSR was that he might have received it for atomic bomb work.



JET PROPELLED FIGHTER-BOMBER—This F-84E Thunderjet, a high-speed long range fighter, has become the U.S. Air Force's first jet propelled fighter-bomber. It is equipped with 32 five-inch rockets and six M-3 50 calibre machine guns.



IT'S COLD INSIDE—A completed car undergoes an extreme weather test at Morris Motors plant, Oxford, England, where it is prepared for export by that dollar low country.



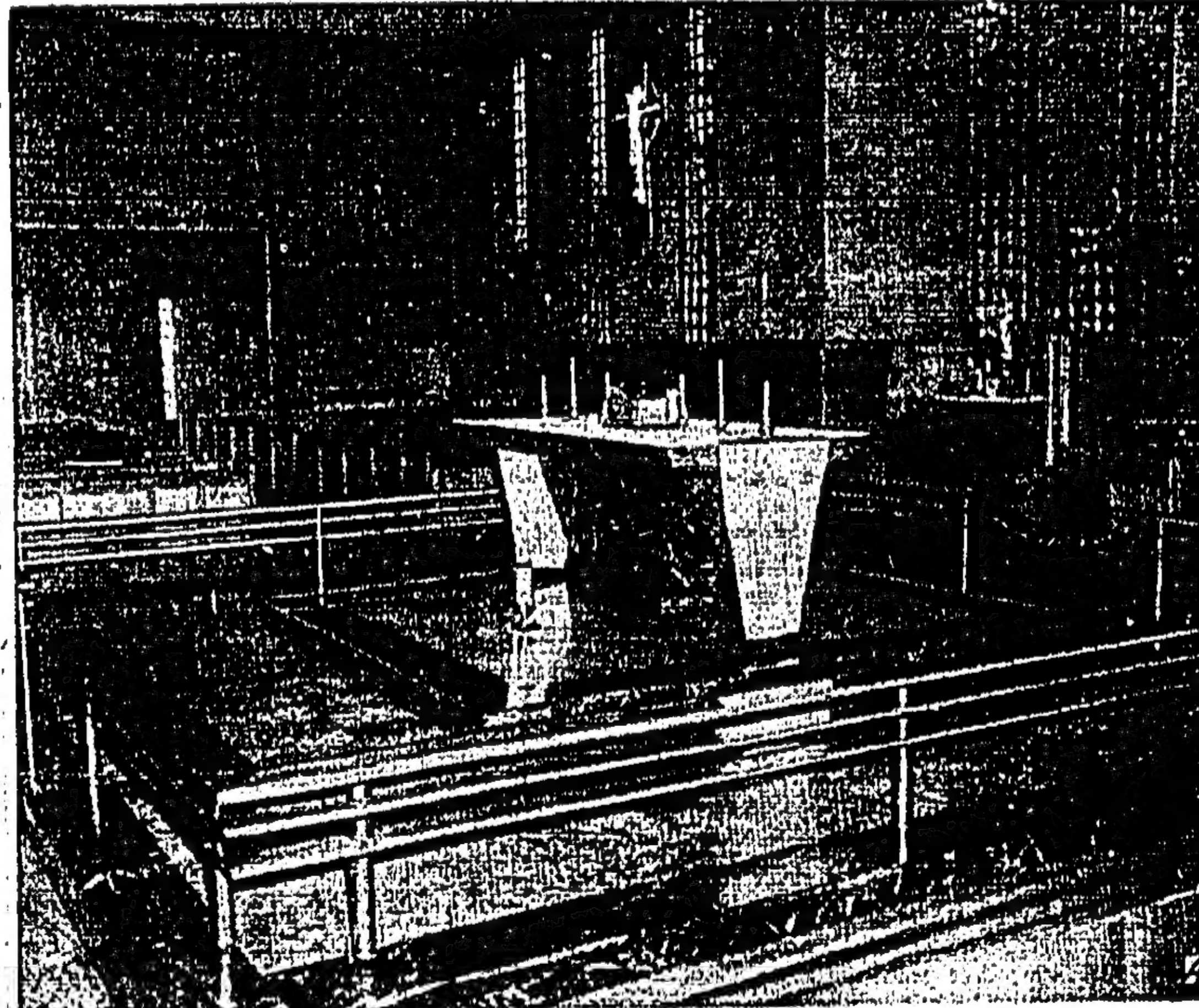
PRIZE WINNER—Lord Boyd Orr, winner of the 1949 Nobel Peace prize, addresses a meeting in London during celebration of America-British Commonwealth Week.



STAGG HONOURED—Amos Alonzo Stagg, 87, stands with Mrs. Stagg during celebration at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, when the "grand old man of football" was honoured in his 60th year as a college gridiron mentor.



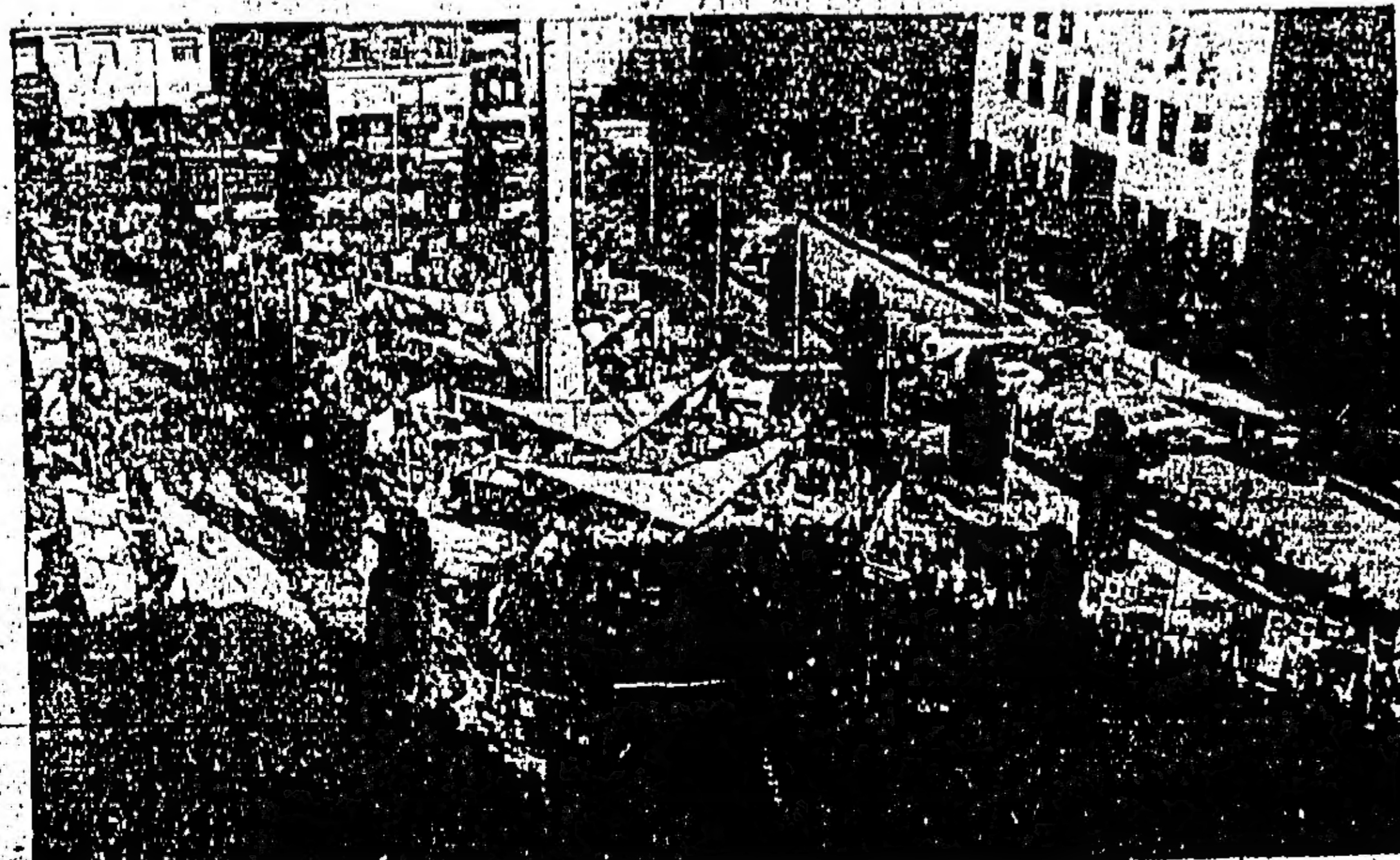
SKYLINE—Ava Hall makes a pretty silhouette against the sky at Miami Beach, Florida.



ULTRAMODERN CHURCH—This is the main altar in St. Mark's Church, ultramodern Roman Catholic church near Burlington, Vermont. The altar is of native black-veined Vermont marble. A side altar, pulpit and choir are at the rear, right. Crucifix over the main altar hangs from the central dome of the church.



ANCIENT SCROLL DISPLAYED—The Rev. Athanasius Yeshue Samuel of the Assyrian Orthodox Church displays in Washington an ancient scroll text of the Book of Isaiah in Hebrew script. It is believed more than 2,000 years old.



OPEN-AIR ART SHOW—Overhead view of San Francisco Art Commission's outdoor art show held in the city's Union Square. Among exhibits was display of paintings by Alcatraz convicts.



BOWING IN—Elizabeth Taylor, 17-year-old film actress, smilingly adjusts the bow tie of her escort, actor Montgomery Clift as they arrive for a Hollywood premiere.



HIS HOBBY IS JUNKS—Carving Chinese junks is the hobby of Hollywood film actor Willard Morante. He makes them from sugar pine. Sails are made of silk, then varnished.

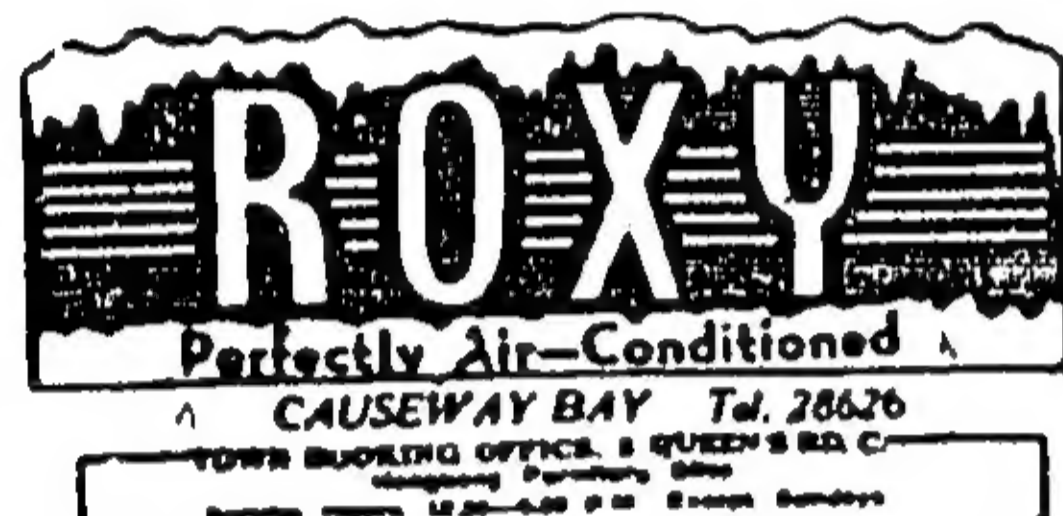
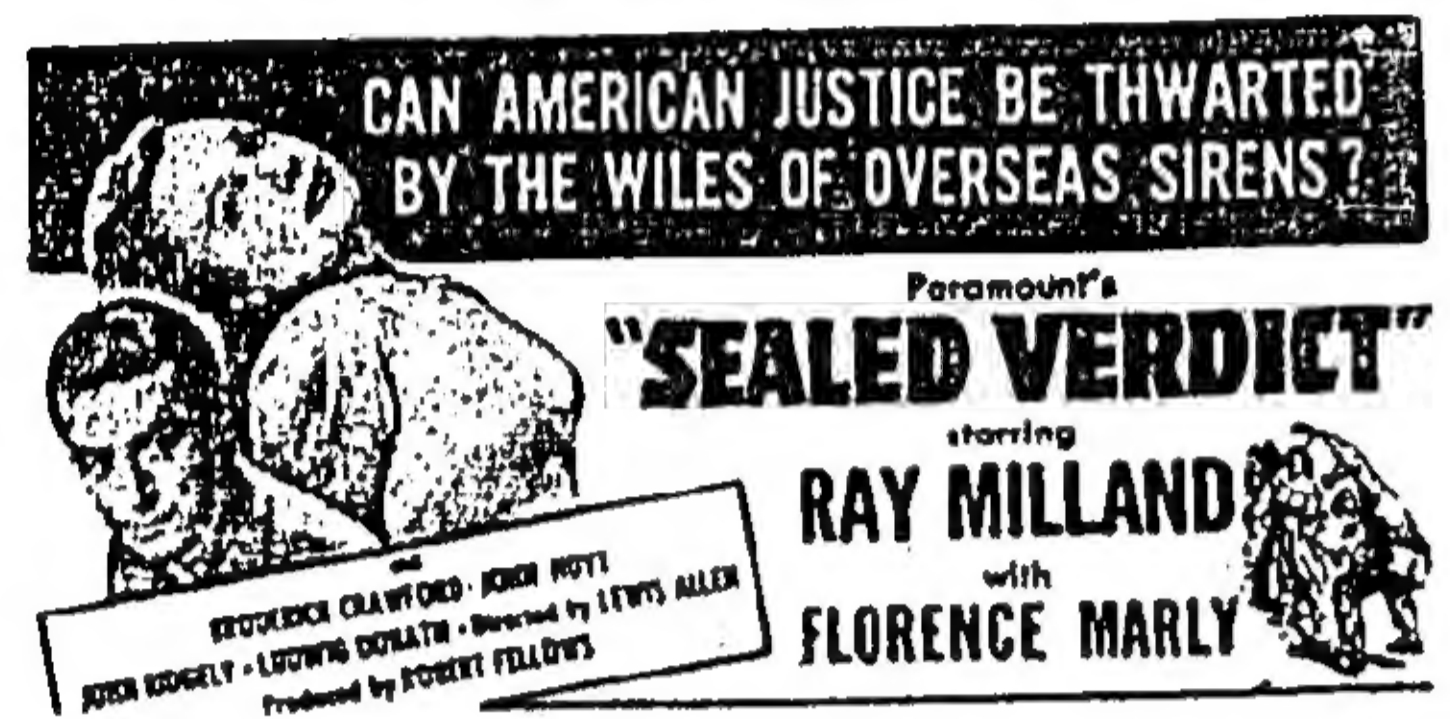
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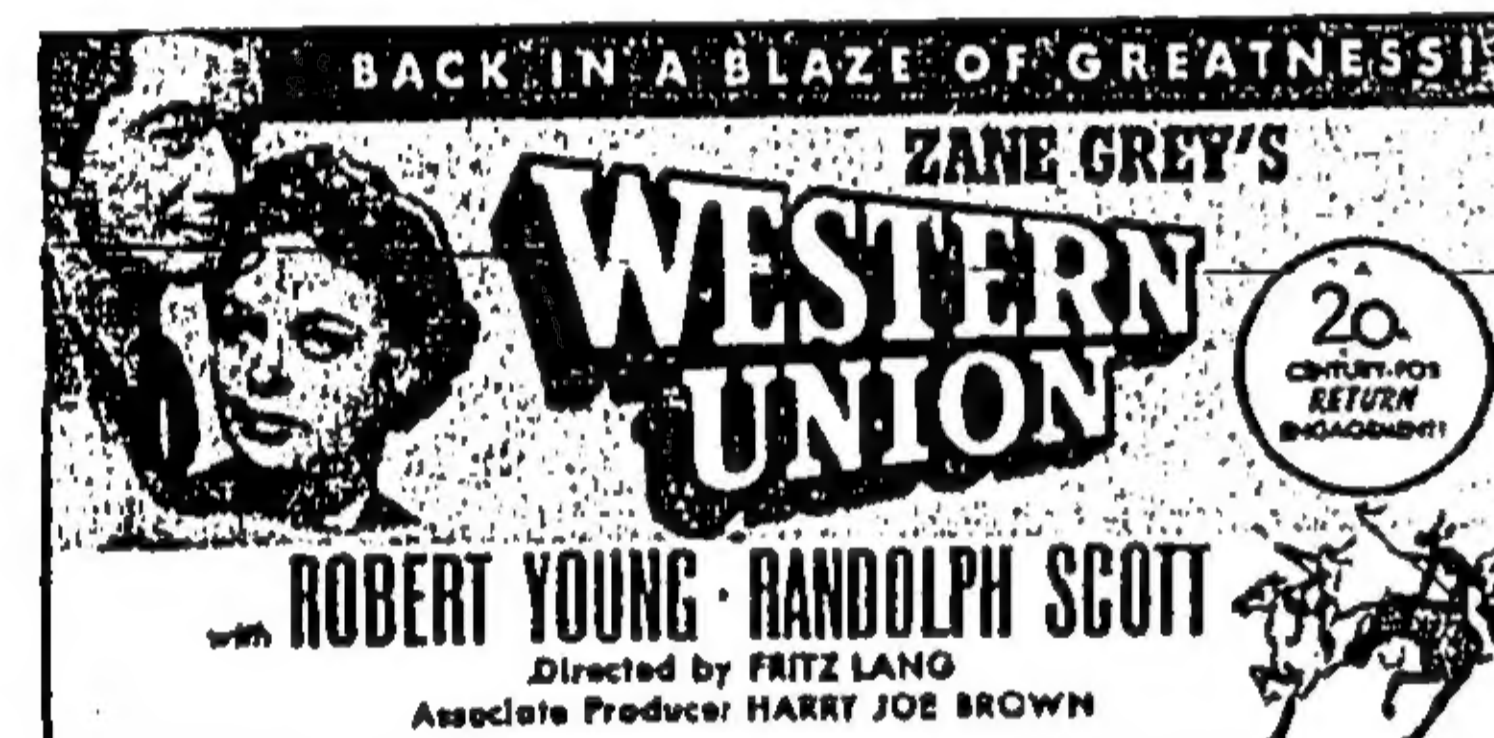
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A BOMB STARTED THE CIGARETTE HABIT

And These Families Made Millions...

By CHESTER JEROME

A BOMB flung from the Turkish lines shattered the tobacco pipes of an Egyptian gun crew.

It was a trifling incident in a trifling campaign way back in 1832, but it started a habit that enslaved the world and made more millionaires than any other human idea.

It also started a British dynasty whose names are on somebody's lips every day—"W. D. and H. O. Wills."

The two brothers who first owned these names never even heard of the Turkish bomb affair.

The pipeless Egyptian gunners devised a makeshift smoke.

They emptied the gun-powder out of the thin paper cartridges used for firing their cannon, and replaced it with tobacco—then lit the first of all cigarettes.

The Turkish enemy got hold of the idea, and English soldiers picked it up in the Crimean War.

You enjoy the idea now, but not nearly so much as the Wills family. Their fortunes literally went up in smoke.

Shy folk

RECENTLY the light of news turned on them again with the publication of the will of Mrs. Kathleen Mary Christian Hamilton Rees-Mogg, of Stratford-on-Avon.

Daughter of the late Sir Frederick Wills, she left £1,787,399.

There are hundreds more of the Wills family scattered around England. Millionaires are fairly spattered through them.

In the past 40 years some dozen of the leading members have left over £40,000,000.

But they are a shy dynasty. You'll find few of their names in Who's Who or the newspapers, but you'll find them in lists of donors to charity.

They still follow the traditions of old W.D. and H.O. Wills. Many of them still have an interest in the firm—several are on the present board—but in private life they become squares and church-wardens.

The family comes from Bristol, and Bristol has had cause to thank them for their generosity.

First of the Wills in tobacco was Henry Overton Wills. He was born in Bristol in 1761 and died there in 1820 and never even heard of a cigarette.

He dealt in cigars and snuff and pipe tobacco, and his two sons W.D. and H.O. carried on.

They expanded and became the richest people in Bristol, founders of the real fortune, and the dynasty, too, really, because H.O. (Henry Overton II) had 13 children, and they all bore faithfully the stamp of the Wills—blue eyes, blond hair, high, wide heads, and rather round faces.

In the 1880's the slightly scorned habit of cigarette smoking caught on.

At the head of the firm then were three of W.D.'s and H.O.'s sons, Frederick, Ernest, and William.

An indication of their growing influence is that they all got knight-hoods, and Sir William notched a new peak in the family fortunes by becoming Lord Wintorsloke.

War opens

IN 1901 a great crisis entered their lives, the Anglo-American tobacco war. The American tobacco king, had steam-rollered his way to virtual monopoly of the trade in the US with his Tobacco Trust.

Seeking new fields to conquer, Duke started by buying up the market with the intention of doing the same as in America.

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He poured a fortune into his campaign, flooded the country with cheap cigarettes, invented cigarette cards of actresses to help his sales, pushed free cigarettes into tobacco-nists' hands and offered bonuses to them.

The British replied in kind. They lopped prices to suicide levels, and offered rival bonuses.

Cigarettes were selling at 3d. for 20. Shopkeepers were offered a share in manufacturing profits, but the profits vanished in the price war.

So did reserves, and dozens of smaller firms went by the board.

THE tobacco tycoons—both British and American—were going grey with worry. Only the man in the street was happy.

Then, led by Wills and Gold Flake, 13 surviving British firms joined forces—amalgamated—so was born the Imperial Tobacco Company—80 percent Wills.

John Player, of Nottingham, came in. So did the two Churchmans together.

Led by the Wills triumvirate they then did the audacious and unexpected, invaded the American market, marching right into the Duke stronghold.

The tough Duke soon had enough. He capitulated—the only time he was ever beaten.

"I'll stick to the U.S.," he said. "You can keep your Britain, and we'll share the world market."

Money spinner

SO the British American Tobacco Company came into being. Imperial Tobacco and Duke put up the money jointly, and the new firm took over the expert business of 80 h.

It mushroomed and became another tobacco money-spinner. Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen eventually became its chairman, and when he died he left £1,300,000.

Duke eventually died in 1925 with so much money that he couldn't count it—even though he'd given away a cool £100,000 to universities and charities.

Once he gave away £8,000,000 in one sum, it is his daughter, Duchess who has been termed "Riches girl in the world."

There was one British firm that stayed out of the Imperial Tobacco merger.

It was led by a man called Bernard Baron, a rough diamond with a generous and happy heart who was born in Russia of French and Jewish parents in 1850.

He'd emigrated to New York, where he'd worked for 16 years with Wills in tobacco factory and saved 10s. out of every penny.

One night he got an idea for a cigarette-making machine. So far cigarettes had been made by hand.

He took his idea—and a prototype machine—round the American tobacco manufacturers, and one after another, with heart-breaking unanimity, they turned it down. Even the astute Duke.

Many rebuffs

BARON emigrated again—this time to England. He struggled to get someone interested, and the rebuffs came just as regularly.

And then in Wardour-street he found an elegant young man called William Yapp who had a tobacco emporium so smoothly exclusive they wouldn't even sell the new-fangled cigarettes.

It was called Carreras, after its original Spanish owner, and sold its own mixture—Craven, so called after Lord Craven who had first smoked it.

Yapp was mildly intrigued with Baron's machine and decided to risk £1,000 to try it out. It was the wisest thing he ever did. Baron turned it into millions for him.

Soon he was turning out cigarettes at five a penny. Shortly they were selling 20,000,000 a day.

Player and Wills were soon right on their heels using cigarette-making machines.

£2,000,000 gift

GOOD natured and unpretentious, Baron became a naturalised Briton in 1907, and his firm, Carreras, grew to a £23,000,000 concern.

Baron gave away £2,000,000, but it kept rolling in faster than he could disperse of it, and he still had £5,000,000 in assets when he died in 1920, aged 78.

The elegant Yapp died only three years ago, aged 84. He, too, had given a million away, and still had £4,500,000 left.

The two Churchman brothers, who threw in their lots with Wills into Imperial Tobacco, prospered likewise.

Sir William Churchman, Bt., died only last year, leaving over £1,000,000, and three months later his brother, Lord Woodbridge, died leaving £1,300,000.

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ARTISTS IN BATTLEDRESS

By J. W. TAYLOR

THE soldier is really a wanderer on the face of the earth, in contact with many strange and beautiful things," said Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, former Commander-in-Chief of Middle East and India Commands, when he opened the Army Art Society's 18th annual exhibition at the Imperial Institute, London, recently.

And the Field-Marshal added that during his 45 years in the Army he had been struck by the interest in art of all kinds, but chiefly in drawing and painting, shown by all ranks.

This show certainly demonstrates that Britain's "uniformed wanderers", who are by profession trained and accurate observers, include a number of promising artists in battle-dress who can happily record in oil, water colours and even wood, some of the strange and beautiful things they find in the out of the way places in which they serve.

There are 388 exhibits this year. Though the number of works submitted is considerably fewer than in the past, their standard is noticeably higher.

While the British scene is naturally predominant, themes range also over many of the territories so familiar to the Fighting Services. Hongkong, so much in the news today, is the subject of eight water-colours from Brigadiers A. C. Baillie and J. C. T. Wills and Lt. Col. S. J. Driscoll.

SINGAPORE, Selangor, Penang, the Nanking river and temple roofs at Kandy are other Far Eastern subjects. There are a number of portraits of Indian serving-men and scenes from the Indian continent from former I.A. members.

Africa is well represented from all points of the compass, from Kongwa and Zanzibar in the east to Takoradi Beach, a Sierra Leone village and the Yobe River in the west, and from Table Mountain to a street in Harar, the level crossing at Amriya and a Mersa Matruh pylon. The portrait of a Beersheba beduin and a panorama of the Tiberias bring echoes of the Palestine operations.

ITALY features prominently, from St Peter's and the Vatican down to Messina in Sicily; there is a Carlinian scene, and a landscape of Akureyri in Iceland, where the British Forces spent three uncomfortable years in World War Two. There, too, are the Old City of Athens, fishermen of the Shatt-el-Arab, Gibraltar from the air, a junk craft at low water, British and Americans at Palm Springs, a Sunday morning in Egypt, a bomb disposal squad, and some striking paintings of troops on fatigue duty, at a guard parade, and halting by the wayside on a march.

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C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. IT IS Business as Usual for America's Communists, though 11 of their bosses, convicted as criminal conspirators, now wear gold blue.

The Daily Worker came out as usual without editor John Gates. As usual, it attacked President Truman as a Wall-street dupe, and summoned its faithful 23,000 readers to an all-out fight for freedom.

In Union-square there were the same agitators on the same soap-boxes also attacking President Truman as a Wall-street dupe, and summoning the faithful 70,000 paid-up members to an all-out fight for freedom.

In the shabby 12th-street offices of the Communist Party, temporarily run by Elizabeth Flynn, a typical campaign is being planned, this time for a flood of telegrams and letters of protest against Washington, "thought control."

But I am told that the first steps have been taken for underground work. Loyal Communists are being sent to night school to learn to be waiters.

Their jobs will be to talk to customers in working-class cafes and to listen to them in the night clubs.

SHOPPING: I find that when the price is right, New York retailers are now giving British goods every chance to sell, even at the expense of American-made goods. Take shoes. I spotted a notice in the window of one of New York's largest chain of shoe shops. In large black letters, British shoes, "no longer too rich for your blood," were offered at \$9.99 (£3 10s. 8d.). And in tiny letters at the bottom the display card added, "Also American style, \$8.8 (£3 2s. 10d.)."

AVIATION: Wives were blamed for the decline of private flying in the U.S. (there is a 5,000 drop in civil plane

licences). Explained Kenneth Garafalo, private plane manufacturer, "Women want their husbands around the house at weekends instead of messing about an airport."

SHOW BUSINESS: In his first row with Hollywood's Samuel Goldwyn, David Niven announced himself as appearing "without the kind permission of Samuel Goldwyn."

Marión Davies' former beach-house with 110 rooms, many of them imported intact from famous British mansions, 65 bathrooms, and 37 fire-places, is being turned into a Santa Monica hotel—rates £15 a day for two, without meals.

POLITICS: Socialism will be the chief Republican issue in next year's general (but not presidential) election, says leading Republican Senator Robert Taft.

NANCY

Inside Job



SOAP THAT SPELLS BEAUTY



Indonesian Republic To Be Born Next Month

COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY

The Hague, Nov. 2.—A new Republic, the United States of Indonesia, will be born next month, it was announced here today at the last full session of the 10-week round-table conference of Dutch and Indonesians.

She Must Obey



Here's one girl who is bound—by contract—to take orders from her husband from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. five days a week. She is Gloria Grahame, a Hollywood actress, shown here on holiday at Palm Springs, California. Gloria's husband, who is also her director, and a vice producer, insisted that she sign an agreement giving him absolute authority on the set, to avoid hold-ups which might result from domestic disagreements. (AP Picture).

Greek Govt Urged To Show Mercy

London, Nov. 2.—The British Government today expressed the hope that Greece would show mercy to its captured Communist rebels.

The Under-secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons of the Government's views.

A Labour MP, Mr. William Warbey, suggested that the Foreign Office "find some way of publicly indicating the abhorrence felt among the Western democracies for the execution of what he called mere political offenders."

Mr. Mayhew said: "I am sure it is the hope of the whole House that the Greek Government will find it possible to be lenient to those who have been misled."

He said, however, that the British Government did not intend to take the matter up with Athens.

"It is a matter for the Greek Government," he said. "What ever the merits of these cases the campaign run for these people by Communist-controlled organisations such as the League for Democracy in Greece is a shocking example of mendacity and hypocrisy."—Associated Press.

Safari Boom In East Africa

Nairobi, Nov. 2.—A boom in East African safaris was reported here today. Companies which organise the hunts say that they are booked right up to the end of 1951 by tourists, chiefly Americans, from whom they hope to get tens of thousands of dollars next year.

One of the biggest safaris will be next January, when the Maharajah of Bikaner, arrives by air from India with a retinue of 15 friends, servants and bodyguards. Three white hunters have been engaged for him.—Reuters.

The draft constitution, to take effect immediately after the transfer of sovereignty by the Dutch, sets up a Federal Republic of all present Dutch possessions in the East Indies, except New Guinea, on which the delegations failed to reach agreement and whose status will be decided within a year of the transfer.

The population of the new Republic is about 70,000,000 of whom 40,000,000 live in Java. Almost all are Indonesians, with a small minority of Chinese and Indians and a European community of 200,000.

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Holland will withdraw her troops and air force from Indonesia as soon as possible and her naval forces within a year of the transfer. She will help in building up the Republic's Navy, and will send a military mission for three years to train and advise Indonesian fighting forces.

Holland and the Republic will co-operate in trade with the countries of Europe for the next 12 months, after which the situation will be reviewed. The Republic will have a two-chamber Government—the People's Representative Assembly and the Senate.

FREE ELECTIONS
Members of the first People's Representative Assembly will be elected or nominated according to the most suitable method in the various territories comprising the Republic. It will have 130 members of whom 50 must be from the present Republican State and the remainder distributed on a population basis.

Within a year there will be free and secret elections for a democratic People's Assembly to replace the first Assembly, which will then be dissolved. The Senate will be composed of two members from each of the participating States.

As soon as possible after the establishment of the fully elected People's Assembly, a special Constituent Assembly will be formed to settle the final constitution, which will then be confirmed by the Government and proclaimed by the President.

UN SUPERVISION
Dutch, Republicans and Federalist delegations met in the historic Ridderzaal today for formal acceptance of the documents recording their agreements.

The main feature of the ceremony was the passing of a long resolution summarising the conference results.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Mr. Willem Drees, Chairman of the conference, the leaders of the three delegations and the

three members of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia then each signed four copies of the resolution, signifying mutual and international recognition of the new relationship between the Netherlands and Indonesia.

The resolution announced that the agreements would come into force "at the moment of transfer of sovereignty, which will take place at a formal ceremony at Amsterdam, not later than December 30, 1949."

It added that the United Nations Commission or other United Nations agency would observe implementation of the agreements.—Reuters.

APPLAUSE IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Lake Success, Nov. 2.—The announcement of the successful conclusion of the Hague round-table conference on Indonesian independence was greeted with applause at a special full session of the United Nations General Assembly here today.

The Assembly met briefly to approve the transfer of certain items, including that of Indonesia, from the Political Committee to the Special Ad Hoc Committee.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, M. Dmitri Mamulsky, of the Ukraine, and Dr. Vladimir Clementis, of Czechoslovakia, did not join in the applause at the announcement, made by Dr. C. J. Van Heuven Goedhard, Vice-Chairman of the Netherlands delegation.

Mr. Warren Austin, head of the United States delegation, said: "A little less than a year ago, fighting was in progress between the Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia, but today a major step has been taken towards a peaceful political settlement."

"The agreement reached at the Council table is a tribute to the spirit of the United Nations which inspired the parties, as well as the United Nations Commission which assisted in reaching this successful result."

Such an agreement should strengthen the forces of peace and progress throughout all of Asia.—Reuters.

CIO Expels Red Union

Cleveland, Nov. 2.—The CIO today expelled its largest union—the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—following the Communist Party line on foreign and domestic issues.

The action was taken by an overwhelming vote of delegates to the CIO's 11th annual convention after a bitter debate between Left-Wing and Right-Wing delegations in the CIO.

The convention also voted to charter a new union to organise workers in the electrical manufacturing field.

The convention later expelled a second union—the 20,000-member Farm Equipment Workers. The union merged with the United Electric last week against the orders of the CIO high command.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Here comes mother—now I'll have to begin passing on to my father. I won't get tackled so much!"

"Roots" Of Knowledge For Farmers



Throwing things about is usually frowned on in the classroom, by the most broadminded of teachers, but, as this picture shows, these pupils of Lingfield County Secondary School in Surrey, are getting away with something like it. Because the headmaster believes that children who live in a farming community should have a working knowledge of rural life, the school has its own pigs, and fowls and the children learn to feed and look after them. Here the children unload manure into a clamp for winter feeding of livestock.

OEEC Adopts Trade Charter For Europe

Paris, Nov. 2.—The 18-nation Council of the Organisation for European Economic Recovery today adopted a European trade charter with the aim of abolishing before December 15 trade quotas on at least half of their total imports on private account.

The ultimate aim of the plan is to form a "single large market in Europe in which goods and services can move freely."

Originally inspired by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, it was drawn up by him in consultation with the French and Belgian Foreign Ministers, M. Robert Schuman and M. Paul Van Zeeland, working with Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator.

The plan deals with the freeing of trade, intra-European payments, dual prices, closer economic co-operation, manpower and general policy. After its adoption Mr. Hoffman said: "The manner in which the resolutions adopted tonight will be implemented will be decisive in Europe's history for the next century."

THE CHARTER

Under the new plan—an economic charter for Europe—the Council decided: (1) That member countries should "adopt the objectives of abolishing before December 15 trade quotas on at least 50 per cent of their total imports on private account."

(2) That if any member country considers the action of another is being frustrated by tariff or domestic arrangements likely to restrict the capacity of

private importers to obtain goods, it may ask the Organisation to decide whether the goods affected should be counted towards the 50 per cent importation prescribed.

It also recognised that the need might arise for Government to compare their financial, economic, social, tariff, and investment policies in order to achieve "such harmonisation as may appear necessary for attaining at closer economic and monetary association."

Three key words in the first point of the Council's plan for lifting trade quotas on imports are the words "on private account."

UK POSITION

In the case of Britain, 44 per cent of the imports from OEEC countries is carried out officially and the remaining 56 per cent through ordinary or private channels. Of this 56 per cent, 38 per cent is already freed from quota restrictions.

The "Economic Cabinet" of Europe's Marshall Aid Organisation consists of representatives of Britain, France, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Norway and the Netherlands meeting under the Chairmanship of the British Foreign Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland.

Mr. Hoffman, who attended the two meetings of the OEEC Council, addressed the Ministers as follows:

"All of us feel an almost terrible sense of urgency about getting under way with this task. With some hesitation I say this, but with all sincerity that the actions which you are contemplating, and which we hope you will take in the next few months, are actions which may very well influence the course of history in the next century."

"DARK AGE"
"Europe either starts back on the way toward a position of great strength, in which free institutions will be very secure—or it there is a failure to act, or actions of the wrong kind are taken—I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that we may have a new kind of dark age in the world."

For his "last word," Mr. Hoffman repeated what he said in his silent conversation with him, "I last conversation with him, 'I would like to have you make it very clear to all our friends in Europe that all we desire is a strong, prosperous Europe in which free institutions will flourish.'"

Radio Hongkong

ELICT. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.00, "I Was There"—We Fought For Freedom! (A B.C. Broadcast for Schools); 6.30, "The Health and the Music" (Studio); 7.00, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "Sports Results Given by Bill Phillips" (Studio); 7.30, "On the Record"—Presented by Ronald Gibson (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay); 8.10, "An Appeal for the British Girl" (Studio); 8.20, "The Great Big Curly"—Excerpts from Gounod's Romeo and Juliet (London Relay); 8.30, "Classified Ads" (Studio); 8.40, "The Great Big Curly"—Excerpts from Gounod's Romeo and Juliet (London Relay); 8.50, "Weather Report" (London Relay); 9.00, "Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown; 10.00, "The Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra" (London Relay); 10.15, "Weather Report and Summary of News" (L.S.). Close down.

"Go-Slow" At Dunkirk

Dunkirk, Nov. 2.—Dockers here began a "go-slow" strike today in protest at the delay in granting them wage increases. The stoppage may continue for about a week while the men's Communist leader, M. Paul Pierrard, seeks a settlement of the dispute.

Twenty-five merchant ships now in Dunkirk Harbour are affected by the go-slow, it was stated.—Reuters.

200 DEAD IN CYCLONE

Madras, Nov. 2.—Two hundred dead have been counted so far and crops worth £250,000 have been washed away in the recent cyclone in the Andhra area, it was reported today. Irrigation canals in one region are choked by dead cattle. The Government is rushing aid to the area.—Associated Press.

FEC Nations May Start Work On Jap Treaty Soon

London, Nov. 2.—Britain favours inviting the Soviet Union and the new Chinese Communist government—when it is recognised—to participate in writing a peace treaty for Japan, British informants said today.

However, Britain is ready to proceed with a peace conference without them if they will not agree to the British-American plans.

Britain and the United States will soon raise the question of inviting all members of the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission to a treaty conference on a definite date, it is believed.

The conference has been delayed since 1947—by disagreement among the big Powers on how to go about it. The US and Britain want the 11 nations to do the whole job. Russia insists that the big five—Russia, US, Britain, France and China—draft the treaty and submit it afterwards to a conference of all the nations who fought Japan.

With the establishment of the Chinese Communist regime at Peking, Russia will presumably insist on the Communists representing China at any peace conference.

Britain feels that her trade will prosper better in Japan if

the military occupation administered by General Douglas MacArthur ends.

TRADE TREATY

Official sources said today that the £135,000,000 trade agreement between Japan and the sterling area is ready to be signed in a few days. The only year agreement was negotiated with Gen. MacArthur's staff with the aid of the Japanese Government.

It provides for the elimination of a £10,000,000 trade deficit with Japan last year which would otherwise have to be paid in dollars.

The main item Japan will supply under the agreement is silk. Since the war, Britain has been supplying her silk industry from the United States.

This has cost dollars. In return for the supply of silk, textiles, toys and bicycles to Britain, Australia, India, Pakistan and Burma, Japan will receive petroleum, wool, rice, salt, machinery and consumer goods.—Associated Press.

No Sign Of Break In Coal Strike

Washington, Nov. 2.—Hope for a break in the six-week-old coal strike was destroyed today when Indiana operators refused to make a separate deal with the president of the United Mine Workers, Mr. John Lewis.

Mr. Lewis offered to talk over a contract with them after the Governor of Indiana, Mr. Henry Schricker, appealed to him to end the Indiana strike and save the state from a threatened coal shortage.

However, the operators sent back a firm rejection, refusing to break away from Northern and Western operators, who ended contract talks with the mine union two weeks ago.

Headquarters of the UMW had no immediate comment on the development.

Prospects of settlement were dealt another blow when the Southern Coal Producers' Association walked out on negotiations with the Union at Bluefield, West Virginia. Producers stalked out when the UMW negotiator, the secretary-treasurer, John Owens, failed to show up.

CIO MOVE

In Cleveland, the CIO president, Mr. Philip Murray, announced willingness to negotiate "tentative" agreements to end the steel strike pending final settlements.

Details of the agreements sought by the union were not revealed, but it was presumed they would require the steel companies to agree to match the Bethlehem steel settlement, announced on Monday.—United Press.

Naval Exercises Off New South Wales

Melbourne, Nov. 2.—A combined fleet from the Australian and New Zealand Navies sailed from Melbourne today for exercises off the New South Wales coast.—Reuters.

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French Do Not Expect Attack On Indo-China

Paris, Nov. 2.—A high French official today said that France did not look for an attack on Indo-China when the Chinese Communist troops reached the border. However, he said the French expected to have to deal with smuggling attempts to send arms and supplies across the thinly-held jungle border to aid the Vietnamese nationalists, led by Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, who have fought a bloody four-year war against the French.

The approach of the Chinese Communists poses only one more problem for the shaky French prestige and position in the Far East. The French apparently are as far from winning the Indo-Chinese war as ever and, amid growing criticism at home, are playing the last trump card of a disadvantageous peace with Ho.

Last March they concluded an agreement with ex-Emperor Bao Dai to set up a rival government for Vietnam—the provinces of Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina—giving Bao Dai's government considerable autonomy but keeping French control.

Bao Dai went to Indo-China last April to form his government. Although the French say it is too early to judge, it apparently has not picked up much support.

Cambodia and Laos, the other two Indo-Chinese provinces, are kingdoms within the French Union and co-operatively quiet, although there is some guerrilla activity there too.

RAMADIER FOR INDIA

Premier Georges Bidault's new Cabinet inherits the Indo-Chinese problem and, although it is composed of the same parties and almost the same men, the new Cabinet may provide an excuse for a new move on the part of the French.

The independent newspaper *Combat*, usually well-informed on internal affairs, said a few days ago that the former Premier, Socialist Paul Ramadier, probably would be sent to India soon to ask Premier Nehru to negotiate a truce. This report has not been confirmed.

An official who holds a high position in the Overseas Ministry said the present French lines at the border along the frontier had been set up on the assumption that there would be Chinese Communist troops on the other side.

The official said he knew nothing of press reports that French officials had negotiated with the Chinese Nationalists for a common defence at the frontier, but said if a meeting had taken place between the French and the Chinese Nationalists it was probably to discuss what would happen to the retreating Nationalist troops at the frontier and, more especially, to their arms. The 120,000 French troops in Indo-China lack many of the modern arms they need to fight approximately 80,000 guerrillas under Ho.

NOW A LIABILITY

After four years of war, the French hold towns containing most of the 20,000,000 population, but they control only about 15 percent of the land area.

The French say that if Indo-China goes, the Red tide will sweep the whole of South-east Asia.

Ho himself is evasive on the subject of whether he is a Communist now. There is a strong Communist element in his movement, but the majority of the Vietnamese nationalists probably are not.

France took over Indo-China bit by bit during the 19th Cen-

SOVEREIGNS FAKED

Athens, Nov. 2.—The Piraeus police chief announced the arrest today of a 13-man ring counterfeiting British gold sovereigns.

The counterfeiters made profits totalling £25,000 out of the deals, the police chief said. He declared that they manufactured 20,800 fake sovereigns, 10,000 of which have been exported from Greece.

Their sovereigns were only 19 carat pieces compared with the 22 carats of the genuine sovereign.

The ring, which was reported to have been operating since 1940, was reported to have broken a month ago. The Greek and British Treasuries have been informed of the counterfeiting, and British Ambassador Sir Clifford Norton and the head of the British Police Mission to Greece, Sir Charles Wickham, are reported to be conducting their own investigations. The counterfeiters were so well duped that even experts were fooled. Associated Press.

Bidault Ends French Crisis



Leopold's Return May Give Spark To Labour Troubles

London, Nov. 2.—King Leopold of Belgium should be back in Brussels early in January. But if the Belgian Socialists, his major opponents, carry out their original threat, Belgium may face a period of labour disturbances or even a general strike.

Well-informed circles believe the King will get at least 55 percent of the votes cast by the Belgians in a plebiscite on the question of his return. Many feel he may get nearer to 60 percent.

Despite the danger of oversimplifying a complex problem, it can be said that Belgium is divided, roughly about 60 percent in favour of a return of the King and the balance against.

The percentages coincide approximately with the religious and political division of the country. The King is known to have both supporters and detractors among the predominantly Catholic Flemish-born population and the French-speaking Walloons. The former are in the majority. The ratio of Flemings to Walloons is about 40 to 40 percent respectively.

It would be misleading to assume that the entire Flemish Catholic population will vote for the King's return, but it would be equally unreliable to depend upon the entire Walloon population voting against the King.

MANSTEIN'S ORDERS IN CRIMEA

Hamburg, Nov. 2.—The watches of executed Jews were distributed to officers and men of the German Army serving in Russia, the military court trying former Field Marshal Erich von Manstein on war crimes charges was told today.

Von Manstein told the chief prosecutor, Sir Arthur Comyns Carr, that he did not remember asking the S.D. (Special Action Squads) for watches, but it was possible he had done so.

Sir Arthur cited an S.D. document saying that 11,000 Jews were to be executed in the Crimean city of Simferopol, where Marshal Manstein's troops were quartered.

"Do you mean to tell us that you did not know of the execution of these Jews?" Sir Arthur asked Manstein said he had not heard of it at that time.

He denied issuing orders for the execution of Jews and expressed regret that such things happened.

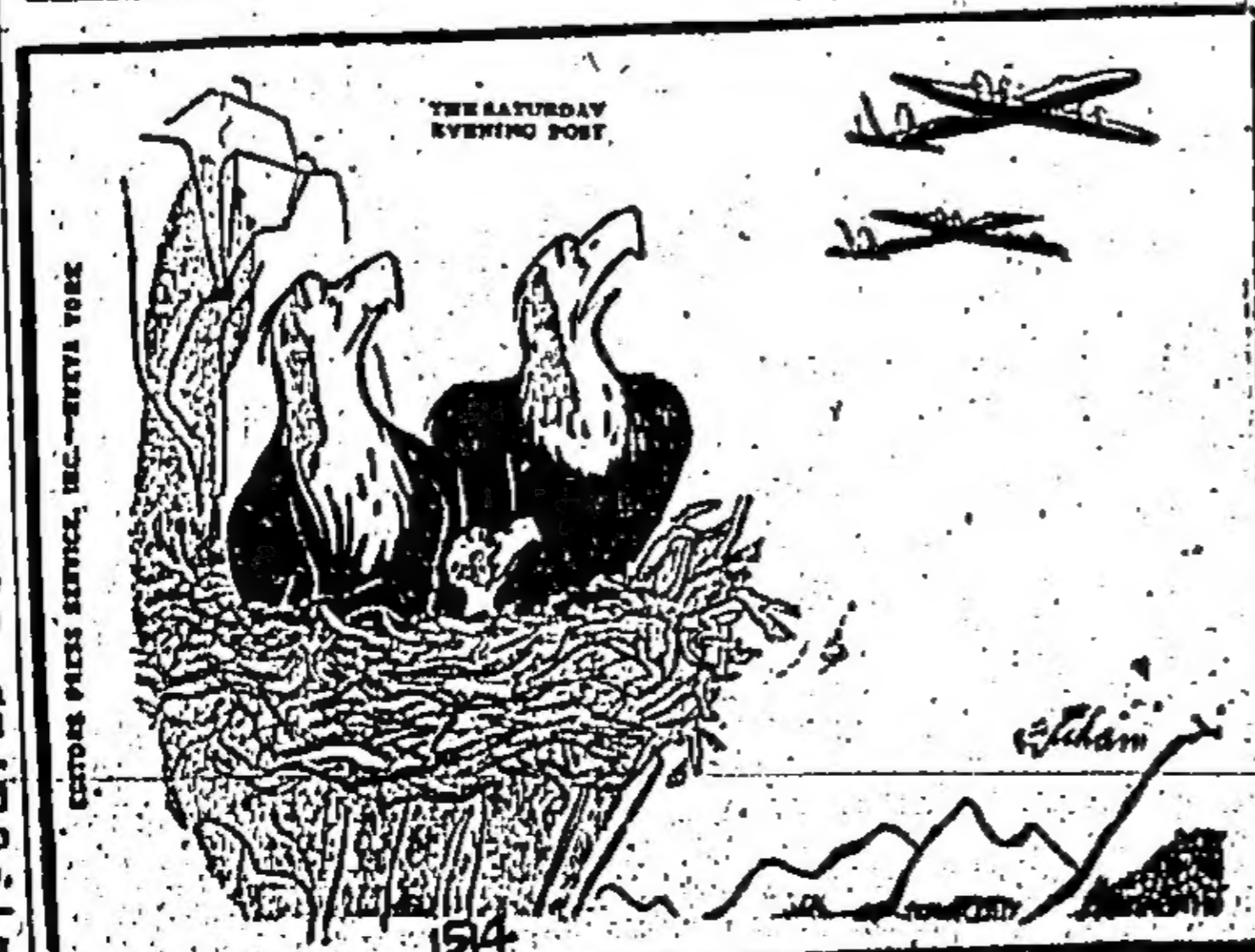
"However, I do not regret any of my orders given at that time," he added.

The prosecution closed its case-examination of Von Manstein today, his 10th day in the witness box. The defence will commence direct examination of Von Manstein tomorrow.—Associated Press.

The Kremlin Gets A Cleaning

London, Nov. 2.—Moscow Radio reported tonight that the cleaning of the Kremlin, Moscow's 450-year-old citadel, as part of its biggest restoration since it was built, is nearly complete.

Its towers, stripped of dust and grime, "look as if they had been built yesterday," the Radio said.—Reuter.



"They must breed like flies. Twenty years ago you seldom saw one."

Georges Bidault (left), 50-year-old leader of the French Popular Republican Movement, stands with other government officials in Paris after his confirmation as Premier—a move which ended France's longest political crisis in 60 years. Left to right (front row): Bidault, President Vincent Auriol, former Premier Henri Queuille; (back row): Maurice Pétich, Yvon Delbos, Robert Schuman, Pierre Jacquot and Robert LaCoste. (AP Picture).

FINNS WANT RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP

London, Nov. 2.—Helsinki Radio reported today that Karl Fagerholm, Social Democratic Prime Minister of Finland, told a congress of his party in Helsinki: "The most important object in our foreign policy is friendship with our great neighbour, the Soviet Union."

"The fact that Social Democrats have fought against Communism in our country does not minimise our contribution towards establishing good relations with the Soviet Union," he was quoted as saying.

M. Fagerholm stated that Finland was negotiating with the Western Powers.

"The Government has not received any proposals whatever of a political nature from the Western Powers and we have nothing to hide," he said.

Finland had followed with great interest the discussions for a Scandinavian defence pact as an alternative to the Atlantic Pact for the northern nations, he said.

"The Finns are convinced that it would have been best if Scandinavia had refrained from joining the Atlantic Pact," he declared, "but Denmark and Norway decided to participate in it and it is not our business to express criticism."

"However, we are greatly pleased that Sweden decided to stay neutral."

M. Fagerholm announced that the Government would hand in its resignation on March 1, when the new Finnish President takes office. This is in accordance with tradition.—Reuter.

WAR BILL WAS NOT SENT

London, Nov. 2.—Lord Rennell (Liberal) indicated to the House of Lords today that he believed Russia and Egypt should pay Britain for aid it should have received during the war.

Speaking during a debate on the Government's new economic policy, Lord Rennell suggested a moratorium on old debts and added: "Have we ever sent our bill for the war? We went into the war in a whole-hearted manner. We saved the world and the world owes us a debt which it can never repay."

He then made it clear he was talking about Egypt and Russia.—United Press.

Monkey Wrench Was Wanted

Sydney, Nov. 2.—Sydney-bound from Hong Kong, the Australian liner *Talping* slowed down when her captain saw a distress signal flying from the mast of a peering lugger.

A dinghy put off from the lugger, and the *Talping* carefully closed in. The dinghy's crew explained that the lugger had been aground for three days following an engine failure, but if the captain of the liner would give them a 4-inch monkey wrench to fix the engine they would not detain her longer.—Reuter.

Manpower Crisis At Coal Mines

London, Nov. 2.—Threatened with a new manpower crisis in the mining industry, the British Government is considering the removal of the "ring fence" round the industry, which prevents any man leaving the pits until he is 60.

Mining experts have suggested to the Government that this restriction is a deterrent to young men who might otherwise become coal miners.

The question is at present being examined by the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

With only two months to the end of the year, for which a target figure of 736,000 miners has been fixed, the total manpower today is lower than at any time since the spring of 1947.

The prewar manpower force in the mines was 778,000, of whom 618,000 were underground workers.

A full-scale recruiting campaign after the war brought the total to 727,400 last February, but by July it had fallen to 720,958 by September to 714,713, and now to 709,500.

The serious aspect of this drain is that the more experienced men, many of them key men at the coal-face, form the biggest part of those leaving the industry.

They do so either because of ill-health or because they have reached the age limit.

The present regulations permit a recruit to withdraw from the industry at any time during his initial three months' training, but after that he is tied until he is 50.

The men in the mines are producing more coal each shift than ever before—104 per cent of the 1937 average. Britain is the only country in Europe to exceed prewar productivity.—Reuter.

OFFICER WHO STRANGLED HIS WIFE

Gloucester, Nov. 2.—A former Army captain who strangled or suffocated his wife, poured petrol over her, then set fire to her, was found guilty of murder but insane at the Assizes here today.

He was George Stephen Hyndes, aged 49, of Cheltenham, England.

The police said that Peel told them: "My wife will be alive if I can go to her. I cannot tell the police. I can only explain that this started in the Garden of Eden."

"She was inducing me to swallow sleeping tablets and, this I was determined to resist, for fear that the forces of evil should finally prevail in the world."

"In a flash I saw that courageous and desperate action must be taken at once, and one life must be sacrificed in order that many may survive."

The judge directed that Peel be detained in Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum.—Reuter.

Policeman's Hero Habit

New York, Nov. 2.—Patrolman Robert Stewart, 27, stood on a six-inch wall today and caught three children whom Vincent Soccogato dropped from a second-story window in a blazing Bronx apartment house.

Stewart cannot get out of the habit of being a hero. A Navy veteran with several decorations for wartime bravery, he rescued 14 persons from the building, including three members of his own family.

The young policeman came home from the movies at 1 a.m. and smelt smoke in the apartment house. He rushed to the rear of the building and broke down the door. He led Mr and Mrs Lofstedt and their children to the street, then participated in the rescue of other tenants as the fire spread.—United Press.

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